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SUBJECT: GABOREN FERTILIZER PLANT

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1. VERY LITTLE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY RE VOEST ALPINE'S INVOLVEMENT IN GABOREN PROJECT OTHER THAN FOLLOWING WHICH WAS CONTAINED IN ENCLOSURES TO MINMINES LETTER OF AUGUST 14.

2. TERMS OF PROTOCOL AGREED TO IN DECEMBER 1974 BY GOG, ELF, AND N-REN AWARDED CONTRACT TO VOEST ALPINE AS PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER OF EQUIPMENT TO GABOREN. ON THE SAME DATE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY GABOREN ITSELF WITH VOEST CONFIRMING THIS ARRANGEMENT.

3. FIRST PROMISSORY NOTE PAYABLE TO VOEST BECAME DUE IN APRIL 1978 BUT WAS NOT PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AFTER AGREEMENT REACHED ON MORATORIUM, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATOR FOURCADE, AS RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT BONGO AND PRESIDENT OF VOEST. ADMINISTRATOR STATES THAT NEGOTIATION BETWEEN GABOREN AND VOEST ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON VALUE OF MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT NOW IN PLACE AT FACTORY SITE.

4. PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATOR FURTHER STATE THAT IF
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SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT CANNOT BE ARRANGED HE WILL ASK N-REN TO ASSUME OBLIGATIONS OF GABOREN AND MAKE PAYMENT OF PROMISSORY NOTES TO ORDER OF VOEST.

5. DOCUMENTS ARE COUCHED IN HIGHLY TECHNICAL AND LEGALISTIC TERMINOLOGY AND ARE, THEREFORE, DIFFICULT TO INTERPRET. EMBOFF WILL DISCUSS CASE WITH MINMINES REPRESENTATIVE THIS WEEK IN

ORDER TO CLARIFY CURRENT STATUS. MEANWHILE, SEE ENCLOSURE
TO AMBASSADOR/MARCUS LETTER AUG 24. TIENKEN

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